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3 November 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 November 1965

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DDCI was in the chair. DCI was attending a White House meeting

R. J. Smith noted a memorandum which had been done, dealing with

Kent reported that Secretary Ball has gone over the proposed terms of reference for an Estimate. Some revisions were made and an NIE has been formally requested. The NIE will be ready by the end of November.

It was noted that there is no USIB meeting this week.

de Silva referred to an appraisal of the Viet Cong situation prepared by Saigon. The appraisal is now being processed (See Action 1)

At DDCI inquiry, de Silva explained that Henry Kissinger is expected on 9 November and that de Silva is at work to make arrangements to get Kissinger here for debriefings. Elder was requested to so advise the DCI. de Silva noted that Ambassador Lodge has denied recent press stories alleging to present Kissinger's views on Vietnam.

Houston noted that Senators Mansfield, Inouye, Aiken, and Muskie are planning a trip to Moscow. It was agreed that we would offer defensive briefings.

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ACTIONS:

1. Bross is to send to Coyne today a copy of [REDACTED] estimate of the VC situation [REDACTED] which can be billed as a Station appraisal.

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2. [REDACTED] is to prepare for DDCI and DCI, prior to their luncheon with Secretaries McNamara and Vance today, brief notes on the [REDACTED]

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3. de Silva is to contact Coyne to discuss the nature of the so-called Viet Cong Headquarters forty miles from Saigon, and the feasibility of conducting bombing operations against it. A memo is to be given Coyne on this subject. (SAVA -- status report at the Morning Meeting by 5 November)

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7. DDCI returned to Bross papers which had been prepared for DCI's use at the Clifford-Coyne meeting yesterday dealing with steps taken to improve China collection. They are to be expanded and are to include specific dates when describing new steps and plans we intend to

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take. Looking ahead to a forthcoming meeting of the PFIAB later this month to discuss China, Bross and [] were requested to meet with Coyne and provide him with the modified paper. Coyne is to be offered the voluminous studies and backup material which relate to this subject. (D/DCI/NIPE -- status report by 10 November)

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